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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

OFFICIAL REPORT OF THE BUDGET SESSION—1116

Monday, *the* *4th August 1941* / *20th Karkadagam 1116*

The Council met in the Council Hall, Ernakulam, at Eleven of the Clock with the Hon'ble President (M. R. Ry. K. ACHYUTA MENON Avl., B.A., B.L.), in the Chair.

Messrs. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan, T. P. Poulose, T. V. Subramania Ayyar and H. J. Walmesley were absent.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

KALLUR-VADAKKUMMURI VILLAGE—ROAD IN

126. Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether Government have received repeated representations from the Adur Panchayat and the public requesting for the construction of a road from Ngarlakadavu (ഞർലകടവ്) to Kathaikkodam in the Kallur-Vadakkummuri village;

(*b*) has not the Adur Panchayat continued to make provision in their estimates for the construction of this road year after year?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

RURAL LIBRARIES—SUPPLY OF BOOKS

127. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether any individual or firm submitted tenders in compliance with the notification of the President of the Rural Library Committee appeared in page 223 of the Cochin Government Gazette, dated 21st Medam 1116 (Public Health and Panchayats);

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(*b*) if so, the following particulars of the tenderers may be given ;

(*i*) name of firm ;

(*ii*) tender reduction ;

(*iii*) the date on which tender was placed ;

(*iv*) date of acceptance ;

(*c*) with whom was the contract of supply entrusted ;

(*d*) the list of books to be supplied ;

(*e*) whether the supply has been completed by this time ;

(*f*) what amount was paid towards the cost of books and binding charges ?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development)* :

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) A statement showing the particulars is appended *(Appendix I)*.

(*c*) Messrs. V. Sundara Ayyar & Sons, Trichur.

(*d*) There is no uniform list of books for all the libraries. Books which are already in stock in each library are sought to be eliminated so as to avoid repetition (as desired by the libraries themselves).

(*e*) No.

(*f*) The answer to this question can be given exactly only after the supply of books for 1116 is completed.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talapalli)* : Is it not necessary, Sir, that the amount set apart for the rural libraries from the special contribution for Rural Development should be expended this year alone?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development)* : No. In the first place it is not necessary. But I am sure the whole work will be over by the end of this month. I called for a report and they said that the work was almost complete. Even if it is not completed, it will not lapse.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli)* : Is it made non-lapsable?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development)*: The amount ear-marked for rural reconstruction, 1 lakh of rupees, from which this is drawn is made non-lapsable.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli)* : Is there any special proceedings that the amount ear-marked for rural

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reconstruction, that is the amount of 1 lakh of rupees, is non-lapsable?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Yes.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്". പണിക്കർ: വായനശാലകളിലേക്ക ഫ ഫ ഫന്ന-ൽ കൊടുക്കേണ്ട പുസ്തകങ്ങൾ കൊടുത്തുകഴിഞ്ഞിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

ഡാക്ടർ എ. ആർ. മേനോൻ: ഈ മാസം അവസാനത്തോടുകൂടി കൊടുത്തുകഴിയുമെന്ന റിപ്പോർട്ട് വന്നിട്ടുണ്ട്".

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്". പണിക്കർ: പതിനൊന്നുമാസം ഇരുപതുദിവസമായിട്ടും ഇക്കൊല്ലത്തെ പുസ്തകം കൊടുക്കുവാൻ കമ്മിറ്റിക്ക സാധിച്ചിട്ടില്ലെ?

ഡാക്ടർ എ. ആർ. മേനോൻ: കൊടുക്കുവാൻ സാധിച്ചിട്ടില്ല. കമ്മിറ്റിക്ക വളരെ പണിയുണ്ട്". ഏതെല്ലാം പുസ്തകങ്ങളാണ്" ആവശ്യമെന്ന നോക്കി അതുള്ള സ്ഥലത്തുനിന്ന വരുത്തിയിട്ടുവേണം കൊടുക്കുവാൻ.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* May I know, Sir, which body or officer makes the selection of the books to be supplied to the various libraries?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* A committee consisting of about 5 persons.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* From the list of library books selected, have the Government noted that poetry books are tabooed from the list?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* We have not noted. But we have asked them to have a general distribution, and to take into consideration the different types and kinds of books, for example, biography, prose, drama, poetry, *manipravalam*. The choice and the discretion are entirely left to a committee which is a very competent body to decide.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* May I know, Sir, whether tenders were called for before giving the contract?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Certainly. It is quite so.

AYURVEDIC DEPARTMENT—REORGANISATION OF

128. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):*

(*a*) will Government be pleased to print and place on the table of the House copy of the Government Proceedings D-6-6534/15, dated 23rd November 1939 Development Department read as first paper in G. P. D-6-14130/16, dated 20th May 1941 D. D.

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APPENDIX I

(Please see answer to question No. 127)

List showing particulars of tenders received for supply of books

	Name of firm	*Tender reduction*	*Date of tender*	*Date of acceptance*
1.	Saraswathi (Electric) Printing and Publishing House, Trichur	2½% of the published prices of books	28—9—16 10—5—41	
2.	V. V. Publishing House, Ernakulam	15% on the published prices of books published by V. V. Publishing House, 7½% on the published prices of the following books.—Prasangatharangani, Ravanapaksham, Sambhavitam, Valmiki Ramayanam (Vallathol) and all the English books; and the other books at published prices	do.	
3.	V. Sundara Ayyar and Sons, Trichur	16% of the published prices of books	30—9—16 12—5—41	3—10—16 16—5—41
4.	The Mangalodayam Ltd., Trichur	5% on the catalogue prices of books	do.	

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